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Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2014/948)

Other matters

15:00 — 7355th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Mali

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali (S/2014/943)

Letter dated 23 December 2014 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/944)

Afternoon[1] — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) (S/2014/943) (S/2014/944)

Other matters

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7355th meeting.

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Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Tuesday, 6 January 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

There will be an informal meeting (closed) of the plenary on Thursday, 8 January 2015, at 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, to hear a briefing by the Secretary-General on his priorities for 2015. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 5 January 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are encouraged to attend *at the ambassadorial level.*

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items).

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Additional updates to the programme of work (A/INF/69/3/Rev.1*) and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly are available by *clicking here*.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, room S-3082, tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; e-mail poliakova@un.org).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations
Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed), to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Wednesday, 7 January 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2: on best practices and training; and helicopters.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Bureau Election

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/5 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the Bureau of the Executive Board for 2015, on Wednesday, 7 January 2015, from 11:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 6.

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Wednesday, 14 January 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org), as early as possible, *but no later than Wednesday, 4 February 2015*.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

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oc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation ustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held from Tuesday, 20 to Friday, 23 January 2015. The meeting will be convened on Tuesday, 20 January, at 10:00, in Conference Room 1.

The provisional agenda of the meeting is contained in document A/AC.276/L.15. The format and annotated provisional agenda and organization of work are contained in document A/AC.276/L.16. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Working Group, are available on the web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the meeting of the Working Group to the Division *by Friday, 16 January 2015* (e-mail doalos@un.org; room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the Meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Economic and Social Council

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, the Board will elect a new Bureau consisting of a President and four Vice-Presidents. The election will take place on Wednesday, 7 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:00, in Conference Room 6.

Pre-session informal meeting

A pre-session informal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place on Monday, 12 January 2015 from 11:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 3.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will take place from Monday 26 to Friday, 30 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber.

The annotated provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2015/L.3. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment, please *click here*.

Informal briefings and consultations will be scheduled during the month of January, and delegations will be informed accordingly.

Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead), as well as any requests to be on the speakers list to Ms. Henrietta Bledman (e-mail henrietta.bledman@undp.org) for UNDP and UNOPS, and to Ms. Ashby Anglin (e-mail anglin@unfpa.org) for UNFPA, as early as possible, *but no later than Saturday 10 January 2015*.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. Delegates are requested to include the intended agenda item in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be available to view and download via the

PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2011/11 and rule 11 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing the officers of the Executive Board for 2015, on Tuesday, 13 January 2015, from 10:00 to 10:30, in Conference Room 5.

Informal briefings

In preparation for its first regular session, the Executive Board of UNICEF will hold informal briefings as indicated below. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Wednesday 7, January 2015, from 15:00 to 17:00, in *Conference Room 2*: joint informal consultations on harmonization of business practices (quadrennial comprehensive policy review (QCPR)); and

Tuesday 13, January 2015, from 10:30 am to 13:00, in Conference Room 5: informal briefing on: (a) evaluation on the response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines; and (b) evaluation of upstream work in the education sector.

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (3-5 February 2015) will take place on Tuesday, 20 January 2015 from 10:00 to 13:00 in Conference Room 4. The pre-session will be combined with an informal briefing on: (a) Strengthening predictability of the UNICEF response to humanitarian crises: Proposal to increase the Emergency Programme Fund ceiling; and (b) Extension and Expansion of the Vaccine Independence Initiative and its Revolving Fund.

First regular session

The 2015 first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from Tuesday, 3 to Thursday, 5 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2015/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available at the following site (*click here*). Member States, as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session, are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096) or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 30 January 2015.*

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

The upcoming 2015 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website.

All session documents will continue to be available on the existing 'Documents' webpage, as per established practice. In addition, the UNICEF Executive Board homepage will provide a link to the 'In-session' webpage that will make available all supporting documentation (PowerPoints and statements, etc.) to the individual meetings.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn: Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website.

Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, WFP and UN-Women will take place on Monday, 2 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 3. All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

United Nations Forum on Forests

Open-ended intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests
Second meeting

The second meeting of the Open-ended intergovernmental Ad Hoc Expert Group on the International Arrangement on Forests will be held at United Nations Headquarters from Monday, 12 to Friday,16 January 2015, in Conference Rooms 1 and 2.

In accordance with United Nations Forum on Forests resolution 10/2 of 19 April 2013, the open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group is tasked with reviewing the performance and effectiveness of the international arrangement on forests within the context of Economic and Social Council resolutions 2000/35 and 2006/49, and the attainment of the multi-year programme of work of the United Nations Forum on Forests for the period 2007-2015. At its second meeting, the ad hoc expert group will review all inputs, including the outcome of its first meeting, the outcome of the independent assessment of the international arrangement on forests as explained in resolution 10/2, and the second round of stakeholders' views and proposals on the international arrangement on forests. The ad hoc expert group will also take into account the interconnection of the international arrangement on forests with the sustainable development goals and the post-2015 United Nations development agenda. Based on this review, the ad hoc expert group will make its recommendations on the future international arrangement on forests to the eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (New York, 4-15 May 2015).

Background information, including the provisional agenda and organization of work, are available on the United Nations Forum on Forests website by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact the United Nations Forum on Forests Secretariat (e-mail unff@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3401).

Economic and Social Council

Informal meeting

An informal stock-taking meeting on the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries held in Vienna, Austria, from 3 to 5 November 2014, and to reflect on the way forward, will be convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Martin Sajdik (Austria), on Tuesday, 13 January 2015, at 10:00 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information on the meeting, please *click here* or contact Mr. Kennedy Chesoli, Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (e-mail chesoli@un.org; tel: 1 (212) 963-1984). For information relating to the Second United Nations Conference on Landlocked Developing Countries, please *click here*.

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

2015 regular session

The 2015 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will be held from Monday, 26 January to Wednesday, 4 February, and on Friday, 13 February 2015, in Conference Room 1. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2015/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session, are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

Commission for Social Development

Fifty-third session

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held from Wednesday, 4, to Friday, 13 February 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Wednesday, 4 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4. The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued). For further information on the fifty-third and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, *by Friday, 30 January 2015*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

General discussion and list of speakers

General discussion under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world) will begin on Wednesday, 4 February 2015, following the opening of the session. The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 6 February 2015, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2015/1 (to be issued).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, to Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

List of side events

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission will be accessible by *clicking here*.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community" (under agenda item 123 (e)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community))

Thursday, 8 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of 77 (ceremonial meeting to mark the formal handover of the chairmanship of the Group of 77 from the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the Republic of South Africa) (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 8 January 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Forthcoming other activities

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Annual memorial service to honour of the United Nations personnel who perished in the service of peace between 1 October 2013 and 30 November 2014, with special tribute to fallen personnel and survivors of the Haiti Earthquake (fifth anniversary) (to be hosted by the Secretary-General) (organized by the Emergency Preparedness and Support Team, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Management)

Thursday, 8 January 2015, from 10:00 to 11:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All United Nations personnel are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Emergency Preparedness and Support Team (e-mail epst@un.org).]

Photographic exhibition entitled "Traveling the paths of change in Bolivia" (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia)

Thursday 8, January 2015, at 13:00, in the Delegates entrance.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ingrid Sabja, Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (tel. 1 (973) 738-2301; e-mail isabjada@gmail.com).]

Event on "The Aman Foundation: a social investment portal to transform health and education delivery in Karachi and Pakistan" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan and the United Nations Foundation)

Tuesday 13, January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Yasar Ammar, Permanent Mission of Pakistan (e-mail yasarammar@gmail.com; tel. 1 (212) 879-8600, ext. 120).]

Panel discussion on "Migrants in Crisis Situations" (co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Permanent Mission of the Philippines and the United States Mission)

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 3.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Amy Muedin, IOM (e-mail amuedin@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 212); or e-mail unobserver@iom.int.]

Interactive dialogue between the President of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly and civil society (organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly, in collaboration with the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (UN-NGLS), the NGO Branch, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (OESC), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), and NGO Relations, Department of Public Information (DPI))

Friday, 16 January 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions and civil society representatives with a valid ground pass are invited. Civil society representatives without a ground pass may apply by *clicking here, no later than Tuesday, 13 January 2015*. For further information, please contact the Office of the President of the General Assembly (Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi (e-mail dowlatshahi@un.org)).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *January 2015*:

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Finding Speeches

Introduction to E-books

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

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Law Library Overview

Security Council Documentation

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.libcal.com/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free.

Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region. The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))**

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent Appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2014.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs, wish to express their appreciation to the four Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, Ireland, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Declarations recognizing as compulsory the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice under Article 36, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Court. 15 October 1946

Declaration under article 36 (2) of the Statute: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (31 December 2014)

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Communication: Australia (5 January 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Morocco
His Excellency Omar Hilale

Asia-Pacific States:

Viet Nam
Her Excellency Nguyen Phuong Nga

Eastern European States:

Latvia
His Excellency Jānis Mažeiks

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Haiti
His Excellency Denis Régis

Western European and other States:

Australia
His Excellency Gary Francis Quinlan

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help

interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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